



motherwise

Who we are today has been greatly influenced by our moms.
Some of us have wonderful stories and some have painful stories.
Let's take some time to see who we are in God's story.

who does God say i am?

Memory verse: 1 John 3:1a

*See how very much our Father loves us,
for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!*

*Start each day of the devotional asking God to reveal the lies
to which you hold. Ask Him to allow His truth to penetrate
and take root in your heart and mind.*

day 1

LIE: I'm all alone and don't need anyone.

TRUTH: You are a beloved child of God, created to live in community with Him and your brothers and sisters in Christ.

READ 1 John 3:1-2, Romans 8:15, and Ephesians 2:19 using the **PRONOUNCE IT** method. *(Be sure to read the verse over and over emphasizing different words, then write down your thoughts.)*

Will you live out the truth or the lie? All of us feel alone, alienated, and isolated at different times in our lives. But it's essential to know and live the truth. You're a child of God and a citizen of Heaven! Claim that truth aloud and take your next steps to live in community and proclaim the name of Jesus.

day 2

LIE: I am a disappointment to my family and to God.

TRUTH: God delights in the lives of His children. **READ** Psalm 37:23.

The Lord directs the steps of the Godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Does that sound like disappointment? Do you believe and live as if God loves you and delights in your every move?

READ Luke 15: 8-10 using the **PICTURE IT** method. *(Think of yourself in the place of the woman, searching for that which is most precious to you.)*

Jesus says there is rejoicing in Heaven when one sinner repents.

Did you know angels rejoiced when you became a part of God's story?

Through the sacrifice and victory of Jesus you've been made new.

Live in the newness of Christ and the newness of life.

day 3

LIE: I am worthless. **TRUTH:** You are of great value to God.

READ Ephesians 1:3-14 using the **PARAPHRASE IT** method. *(Read the passage over and over. Think about what God is saying, put it into your own words, search your heart to see how the verse applies to you, and talk to God about it.)* Who does God say you are? Meditate and let these truths penetrate your heart: You **are** blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ... You **have** been chosen by God... You **have** been adopted as a child of God... We **have** been redeemed and forgiven... You **have** been sealed by the Holy Spirit. These aren't empty promises the world offers, they're spiritual blessings and truths given to every child of God. Our identity and value are given to us from the Lord, and they can't be taken away by anyone.

day 4

LIE: I'm a failure in life.

TRUTH: You are a joint heir with Christ. His victory is now your victory.

How can we say we're failures in life? **READ** Romans 8:17 and 2 Corinthians 5:17 using the **PROBE IT** method, utilizing the S.P.A.C.E.P.E.T.S. acronym. *(S- sin to confess? P- promise to claim? A- attitude to change? C- command to obey? E- example to follow? P- prayer to pray? E- error to avoid? T- truth to believe? S- something for which to praise God?)* What does Paul mean, "the old has gone and the new has come?"

All of us have felt like we've failed something or someone. Some believe failure's a given. When the focus is on ourselves, it IS a given.

READ 2 Corinthians 5:15. Your victory in life comes from living for the One who gave His life for you. Jesus has never failed at anything and calls us as co heirs to live for Him in that victory. Today, choose to throw off your old self and live in the victory of Christ -- which never ends and never fails.

day 5

Today, allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart and ask hard questions.

READ this week's memory verse using the **PERSONALIZE IT** method.

Put your name in the place of the pronouns or nouns used in the verse *(As you read it, instead of saying "our Father," personalize it and say "my Father." Instead of us, say me)*. Can you claim this verse with an honest heart? Have you made Jesus your life-leader and King?

Have you truly repented of your sin and broken story, and accepted the eternal gift of forgiveness to embrace God's good story? If you realize you've not yet truly embraced this truth, take the first step to accept Jesus Christ as your King. If you're already a child of God, what truths must you embrace to start actively believing?

As a believer and follower of Jesus Christ, you're God's loved and cherished son/daughter. Ask God and talk to someone about what your next growth step may be. Take joy in knowing, proclaiming, and living in the truth!